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Dear Gary,

I hadn't expect to write you so soon, but something happened today that impels it.

I'll be leaving early Tuesday morning on a trip Bud has made possible. I begin Tuesday with both Rays, Jerry meeting me at the Knoxville airport. My mission is again the impossible, and how to make the impossible possible has been much on my mind. From there I go to N.O., where there will be no brass bands and, I hope, no other kind of reception, either. That will be ticklish. From there I go to Dallas. Mary wanted me there, Arch had turned on spontaneously and then gotten a cramp in his pocket-book nerve. Bud's sending me there is a favor to me. I also expect to do a small number of interviews in a limited area while I'm there.

Jerry phoned at lunch time. Ned apparently had phoned him yesterday. The mere mention of Ned upset Ed too much. So, if you intend to have anything to say on this matter, which I neither encourage nor discourage, by all means put it on paper. But don't mail it until the first of the month, when I should be back. I'll want you to do everything I should while I'm in these cities, but she'll be alone in my absence and I feel I must limit it to the current essentials.

There is a chance I'll be making a speech in Stevens Point, Wisc., possibly the first full week of December. I couldn't be there when they want me because of this trip, and I suggested that week, pref. the first of it. I'll probably get word during my absence.

While I am away, Lili will get and read all the mail. There will be enough in it to bother her without anything further that does upset her much, as you probably can't understand. But it is fact. Nothing since Vince has bothered her as much.

I heard a report a week ago that Vince has gotten interested in one aspect again.

Best,